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Jury Determines That Laurel Man Criminally Responsible in Murder of his Parents

For the second time in a week, a Howard County jury has determined the fate of a 31-year-old man accused of killing his parents in their Laurel home a year ago. In a rare, contested criminal responsibility hearing following guilty verdicts, the jury found Craig Dennis White criminally responsible for the double homicide. The jury deliberated for three hours before returning a verdict late this afternoon. Last week, White was convicted of the first-degree murders of Glenn and Linda White.

Howard County police were dispatched to the Whites' home at 9524 Queens Guard Court at 6 p.m. on September 1, 2016 to check on the welfare of the family. A caller reported that Glenn and Linda White, along with Craig White, who lived with them, failed to appear at a meeting scheduled for August 31. Police discovered Glenn White deceased in his bedroom and Linda White deceased in a basement bedroom. Detectives identified the couple's son as a suspect and used cell phone tracking to find and arrest him several hours later at a Columbia fast food restaurant.

During the trial, prosecutors called over three dozen witnesses and presented almost 400 pieces of evidence. Defense attorneys told the court that White had a history of mental illness and that at the time of the murders he was suffering from bipolar disorder and had a psychotic episode. White testified during the criminal responsibility phase of the trial but last Friday, Howard County Circuit Court William V. Tucker found White to be in contempt of court and had him removed from the courtroom for disrupting the trial.

White was back in the courtroom this morning and during closing arguments, Deputy State's Attorney Kim Y. Oldham contended that White had faked his mental illness. She pointed out inconsistencies in his version of events. "Craig White can't keep his story straight; Craig White can't keep his lies straight," she argued. She concluded, "Craig White is manipulative; Craig White is cunning. This show of his is over. We need to bring this tragedy to its rightful end."

Judge Tucker set a sentencing hearing for January 18, 2018.

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